

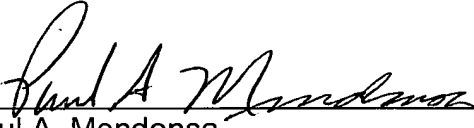
REMARKS

With this Response, Applicant elects claims 1-8, without traverse. Thus, Applicant respectfully requests that claims 9-23 be withdrawn, leaving claims 1-8 pending. The Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned by telephone if such contact would further the examination of the above-referenced application.

Please charge any shortages and credit any overcharges to our Deposit Account number 02-2666.

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